

FIRST GREAT MISTAKES !!

INTRODUCTION:

Today I want to share something that each of us do. There is not a perfect person in the world. Therefore each of us is prone to make mistakes.

(Draw in word Mistakes - Use an example of a mistake that you have made in your life. For example...)

When I was a young boy, I decided that I would not do my school work one semester. My father was not too happy to see two F's on my report card. That was a big mistake as I suffered the wrath of my father's discipline on summer vacation. Throughout history there have been some mistakes that we could call great mistakes.

(Fill in the word "great")

I. One great mistake happened in the late 1800's, when a school teacher told a young 10-year-old boy that he would not amount to anything. This young boy grew up to be a great scientist who developed this formula:

(Write $E=MC^2$)

Does anyone know who this young man was? He was rated as the man of the 20th century by Time magazine. He was Albert Einstein.

(Write in Einstein).

This teacher made a great mistake!

II. A second great mistake happened in the 1950's. A young truck driver who played the guitar and sang had a dream. He wanted to be a singer. He auditioned for a record producer who told him to go back to driving trucks. He did not give up on his dream and tried again. This time he was signed and we know him as the King of Rock and Roll. Who was he?

(Write in Elvis)

III. The last great mistake happened in the 1960's in England. Four handsome young men had dream of being the next big musical group. A record producer patiently listened to their sound. He responded by saying that although they were good, that the guitar sound was on its way out. His big mistake was to not signing probably one of the greatest rock bands ever. Who were these young men?

(Write in Beatles)

IV. Lastly, does anyone know the first great mistake?

(Draw in word first and cross out s in mistakes)

It was the first mistake to happen on planet earth. It happened in a garden. Who committed the first great mistake?

(Put heads on Adam and Eve)

Yes, that's right. God made a beautiful world and gave it over to the first two people who were Adam and Eve.

(Write God in)

What was the first great mistake? They ate off the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

(Put fruit on tree)

God had told them not to eat off this tree or you will surely die and they ate anyway. When you disobey God it is called sin.

(Write in sin)

Adam and Eve committed the first sin and threw the world into turmoil, since that time we have pain, trouble suffering and death in our world. How did this happen? Satan came into the Garden to tempt Adam and Eve. *(Ddraw snake)*

He tempted them in three ways:

First: **DOUBT**

Did God really say you cannot eat off this tree? How do we doubt God's Word? We doubt by thinking God did not create things but used evolution. Or by saying that Jesus wasn't really God's son, that he was just a man. Or by saying that the Bible is only man's words and that it can not be trusted.

Second: **LIES**

"You surely won't die?" Do we believe a lie such as there is no Hell? Or God doesn't care if I lie. It doesn't hurt anyone. Sex is beautiful, so I should be able to enjoy at anytime and in any way.

Third: **FALSE PROMISES**

"Don't you want to be like God and know good from evil?" Satan promises us a pipe dream. Everyone drinks. Everyone is sexually active. God just doesn't want you to have fun. You are your own God. You determine right and wrong. I wonder how much fun Adam and Eve had after they got kicked out of the garden and lost their home? How much fun did they have when they lost their friendship with God? How much fun did they have when their one son killed their other son? Sin is pleasant for a time and then it is pay day. "You reap what you sow."

V. Our great mistake is that we are like Adam and Eve. We break God's Law just like they did.

(Draw in 10 commandment tablets)

One of God's commands says "Do not lie." If we have lied, then we are a liar. Another command says "Do not steal." Have you stolen anything? If you have then you are a thief. Lastly, another command says Do not commit adultery. Then Jesus says, "If you look at a woman with lust in your hear then it is adultery." Have you done this? If so, you are an adulterer. Sin is the breaking of God's law. Something we have done over and over and over. "For the wages of sin is death." We are separated from God because of our sin. We are now under God's judgment. If God punishes us for our sin, we will end up in Hell. "It is appointed unto men once to die and then the judgment." "They will be punished with everlasting destruction." Some of us are dealing with consequences of sin now. We are addicted to alcohol or drugs. We suffer from broken relationships.

VI. Our only hope is that just like the first sin happened at a tree, so God's solution to this problem happened at a tree. Jesus bore our sin on his body on the tree.

(Draw in cross)

"He who knew no sin became sin for us." "Christ died for our sin." God poured his wrath out on his son so we could be forgiven. Jesus rose from the dead proving with power that He is the Son of God.

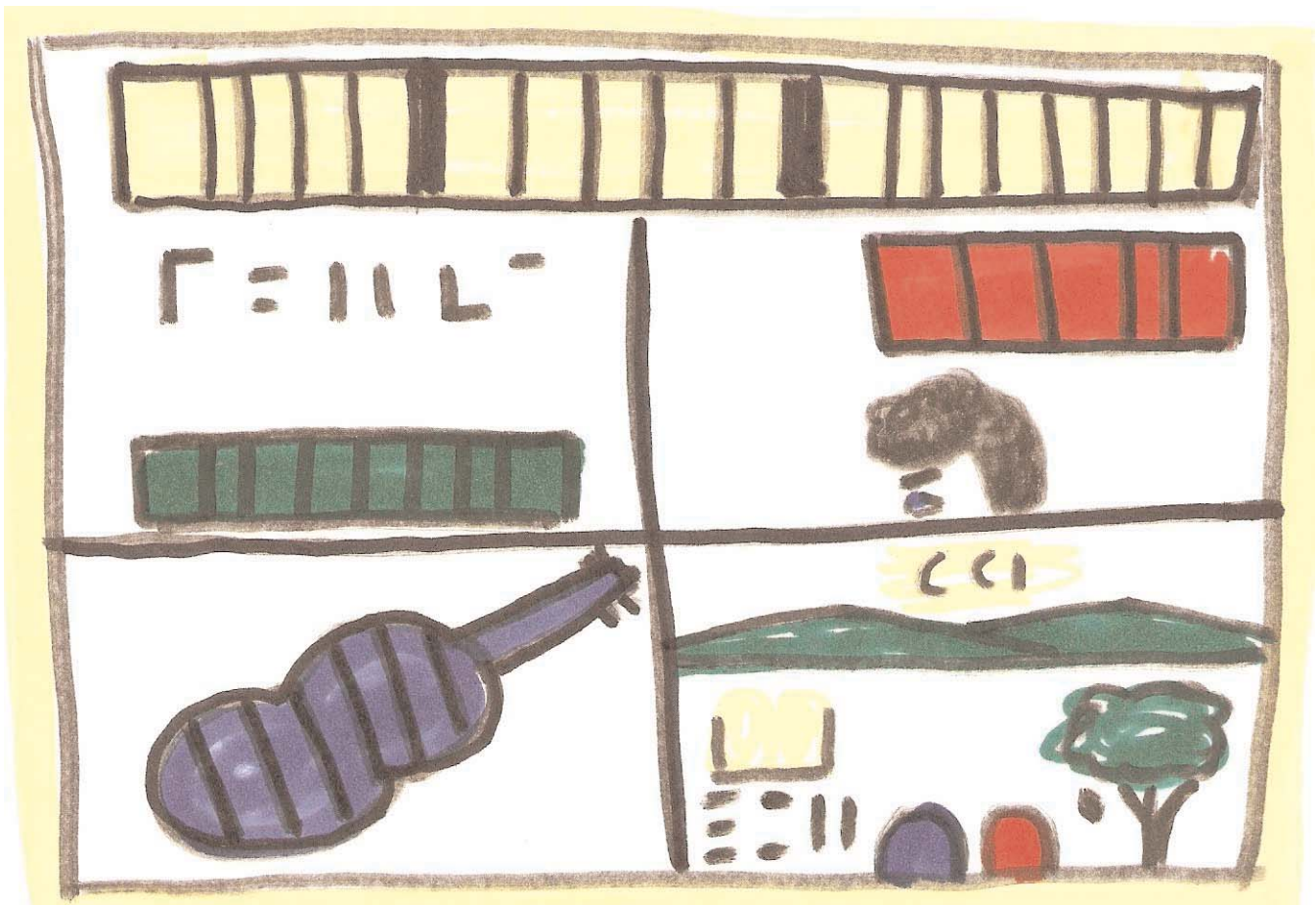
(Draw arrow for the resurrection)

God provided the only answer for our sin, because God is full of love and mercy. It's time to get right with God. Trust in Jesus.

CLOSING

Will you make a great mistake? Will you live this life any way you please, only to have to face God on Judgment Day? Will you trust in God's Son for forgiveness of sin? Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life no one comes to the Father but by me."

What will you do? Today, God is calling you to acknowledge your sin before God and Repent. Turn from your sin and turn to God. Put your trust in his son alone for your forgiveness. "Whoever calls on the Lord will be saved." Will you trust in Jesus? Don't make the biggest mistake! "God is not willing that anyone should perish."



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